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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is intended to be a full and complete response to the restriction requirement mailed on July 2, 2002, having a deadline for response of August 2, 2002.

The Examiner has restricted the case as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to an apparatus of a vacuum manifold, classified in class 422, subclass 99.

Group II: Claims 18-29, drawn to an apparatus of a support holder, classified in class 422, subclass 104.

Group III: Claims 30-37, drawing to an apparatus of a liquid blotter, classified in class 422, subclasses 99 or 100.

Group IV: Claims 38-43, drawing to the method of delivering liquid from a spotting member, classified in class 422, subclasses 174 or 180.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-17, without traverse.

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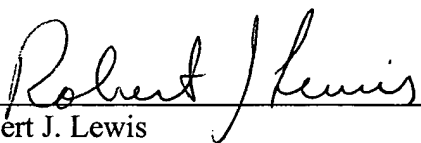
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It is now believed that all of the pending claims in the present application, namely, claims 1-17 contain limitations and restrictions which patentably distinguish them over the cited prior art. None of the cited references, either alone or in any combination thereof disclose or suggest all of the novel features associated with the present invention as explained above, nor do the referenced constructions provide the specific advantages and objectives obtained by the present device. Favorable action and allowance of the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding this response, it is respectfully requested that Examiner please telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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